

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An AV system, comprising:

a storage device having a secure storage region;

an authenticator determining whether or not to permit data to be  
5 written in said secure storage region and whether or not to permit data to  
be read out from said secure storage region;

a writer writing said data in said secure storage region when said  
authenticator permits said data to be written in the region; and

a reproducer reading out said data from said secure storage region  
10 when said authenticator permits said data to be read out and reproducing  
sound and/or video based on said data.

2. The AV system according to claim 1, wherein

said writer rips said data from a medium having said data recorded  
15 therein and writes said data in said secure storage region.

3. The AV system according to claim 1, wherein

said reproducer reproduces sound and/or video by a streaming  
method.

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4. A method of recording/reproducing an AV content, comprising  
the steps of:

determining whether or not to permit data to be written in a secure  
storage region and whether or not to permit data to be read out from said

25 secure storage region;

writing said data in said secure storage region when the permission to write said data is given; and

reading out said data from said secure storage region and reproducing sound and/or video based on said data when the permission to

5 read out said data is given.

5. An AV content recording/reproducing program product for enabling a computer to execute the steps of:

determining whether or not to permit data to be written in a secure  
10 storage region and whether or not to permit data to be read out from said secure storage region;

writing said data in said secure storage region when the permission to write said data is given; and

reading out said data from said secure storage region and  
15 reproducing sound and/or video based on said data when the permission to read out said data is given.

6. An AV apparatus, comprising:

an authenticator requesting permission to read out data from a  
20 secure storage region; and

a reproducer reading out said data from said secure storage region when the permission to read out said data is given and reproducing sound and/or video based on said data.

25 7. An AV apparatus, comprising:

an authenticator requesting permission to write data in a secure storage region; and

a writer writing said data in said secure storage region when the permission to write said data is given.

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8. An AV system, comprising a server, and a client connected to said server through a network,

said server comprising:

a storage device having a secure storage region; and

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an authenticator authenticating said client,

said client comprising:

a reproducer reading out data from said secure storage region when the client is authenticated by said authenticator and reproducing sound and/or video based on said data.